

Special Issue

Applications of LA-ICP-MS Imaging in the Geosciences

Message from the Guest Editors

In the last two decades, LA-ICP-MS has rapidly developed into a low-cost technique for the in situ measurement of trace elements and isotopes at the sub-ppm to ppm level in geological materials. Recent advances in mass spectrometry data-reduction packages and LA-ICP-MS instrumentation have facilitated the transition from spot analyses to the production of rapid high-resolution trace-element and/or isotope distribution maps. This Special Issue welcomes papers in the exciting and expanding field of LA-ICP-MS imaging in the geosciences. In particular, we solicit novel contributions applying LA-ICP-MS imaging to petrological (e.g., magmatic or ore systems), geochronological or palaeoenvironmental studies. Contributions focusing on recent advances in data-processing software or laser-ablation instrumentation (e.g., aerosol introduction systems) are also welcome.

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